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Task force proposes new ideas for housing

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Minden Hills Housing Task Force has some suggestions for council on diversifying housing in the community, making it more affordable and addressing a mismatch between the types of housing available and what is required.

Task force members Fay Martin and Bob Carter made a presentation to councillors during their April 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

As Martin explained, the presentation included the findings of the task force's penultimate report, for which a great deal of research had been completed. The task force, which is a working group of the township's planning and development advisory committee, was given its mandate by council in June of 2016. Its mandate is to create an ongoing mechanism for community engagement with regard to meeting the housing needs of the municipality.

One of the task force's chief findings was a dearth of rental housing in the township.

"Twelve per cent of our accommodation is rental," Martin said. "The provincial number is 30 per cent. Because we are, if not the poorest, one of the poorest jurisdictions in the province, our rental accommodation should be greater than the provincial average. And it's not even half."

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Together with teacher Kaitlin Allore, ASES students created ribbons, hair bows and bracelets in the Humboldt Broncos team colours on April 12. See more photos on page 3./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Rivers running low for time of year

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

As of last week, both the Gull River and Burnt River were running at levels below seasonal averages, but with precipitation in the forecast, it doesn't mean that Minden, and the rest of Haliburton County, is neces-

sarily safe from flooding this year.

"Snow and rain over the past seven days amounted to approximately 30 millimetres of mixed precipitation across the Haliburton watersheds resulting in increased flows and water levels at most locations," wrote Karen Feeley, a public relations and communications officer with the Ontario Waterways Unit of Parks Canada, in an April 10 email to the paper. "The Haliburton reservoirs are

below average and are levelling off. Due to the remaining snowpack and below normal precipitation in the month of March and the early part of April, the outflows were reduced from the reservoirs based on the projected snowmelt runoff. The flows on Gull and Burnt Rivers are below the average for this time of the year."

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Tiny homes, seniors' complex among housing templates

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Not only are rental units in Minden Hills hard to come by, but they are expensive.

"Furthermore, our rent rates are really high," Martin said. "They are higher than some really big urban areas, like London and Kingston, and they are not affordable for many people."

Defining affordability can be tricky.

"It is a really slippery word," Martin said, explaining the task force had adopted the average market rate to define affordability.

That means, utilities included, \$871 per month for a one-bedroom unit, \$1,075 for a two-bedroom unit, and \$1,246 for a three-bedroom rental.

Martin said that 47 per cent of renters, and 22 per cent of homeowners, have affordability issues, meaning they spend more than 30 per cent of their income on their shelter needs.

On top of that, there is what Martin called, "an abysmal mismatch between our people and our housing."

Overwhelmingly, the types of rental units available in the township are not what is required.

While 76 per cent of rental households in Minden Hills are comprised of one or two people, only six per cent of rental housing includes one-bedroom units. Twenty-seven per cent of units have two bedrooms.

While only 20 per cent of rental households include three to four people, 44 per cent of the township's rental stock is comprised of three-bedroom spaces, and while just four per cent of rental households include five or more people, 24 per cent of rental accommodations in the community have four or more bedrooms.

"There is a really bad mismatch between the size of our households which are small, and the size of our housing stock, which is large," Martin said.

She added that because of this, the task force is focused almost entirely on creating more one-bedroom units, and is proposing four templates as a means of doing that.

"The first one is variations on secondary suites," Martin said, explaining that the creation of garden suites – detached, one-bedroom units with their own kitchen and bathroom, and located on the same property as a main residence – could be a viable form of housing for some. While regulations currently specify that garden suites are to be portable and occupied only by family members or employees of the owner of the dwelling, the task force is recommending they be permanent structures whose occupants don't necessarily require a relationship with the owner, and be located in rurally zoned areas.

The second template is a cluster of tiny homes in the village of Minden.

"Tiny homes are really popular these days," Martin said. "They're a lifestyle choice that reduces cost and carbon footprint."

The task force's recommendation is a cluster of tiny homes, 400 to 450 square feet in size, permanently located on a single lot and connected to the village's water and sewer system. The group recognized some impediments including bylaws regulating the minimum size of residences, and the importance of collective accountability for shared space.

"It's always important that people who share space get along," Martin said, adding that was also true of street or apartment building.

The third template was a downtown revitalization concept that includes mixing residential spaces with commercial ones along Minden's main drag. The task force is recommending the repurposing of an under-utilized retail space with a second storey, as well as maybe some back-lane housing, for the possible creation of six to 15 residential units.

"This is the idea of stabilizing the downtown street by adding housing in combination with retail," Martin said, adding this would provide additional revenue for building owners, as well as create housing in a convenient location. She said that while some people like the concept, others believe the downtown should be mostly for stores only.

"Let's have the conversation," Martin said.

The fourth template is the idea of a "made-in-Minden Hills" seniors' campus, which would entail a large facility offering a full spectrum of care for the aging as they move through life's final phases. Such a project would require a suitable property, along with a substantial amount of money.

"This will require funding from all levels of government and other sources as well," Martin said. She added that a facility of appropriate size for the community may not be attractive to conventional developers of such facilities, who are in high demand and can make more money on larger projects.

One funding method the task force is recommending for any housing option is the creation of social bonds.

Carter explained the concept to councillors.

"Really, what it is, are bonds that are raised, money that is raised for social issues, so for things like renewable energy projects, types of co-ops, various types of other social enterprises, and housing," Carter said. "There is, under the Ontario Securities Commission, a special sort of niche for these social bonds. They don't have to go through all the rules and regulations that other, regular bond issuers would have to go through in terms of getting ratings from agencies and going through lots of the legal issues that are associated with them. But they are very much legitimate financial instruments."

Social bonds involve residents with deeper pockets investing in their neighbourhoods.

"It is going to people and saying, instead of putting your mon-

ey into a GIC, instead of all the money you've got sitting in the bank getting one per cent, why don't you buy a bond that may pay three, four or five per cent, depending on the term and so on, and invest in your community?"

Carter pointed to people retiring to the township's lakes, people who often have considerable assets and who will require services in their new home.

"We have this situation where people are moving into the community and retiring here," he said. "Although the incomes may not be high because they've retired, there's a lot of people sitting on a lot of assets . . . Why not take some those assets and invest in your community?"

"That group of people will require services," Carter continued, "and some of the people that are going to provide those services, they're younger and they may need places to live."

Council thanked task force members for their work.

"There's lots of moving pieces," said Mayor Brent Devolin. "We're going to, certainly in the next year, talk about all these things, from an official plan point of view."

Devolin said some of the suggestions will feed into other activities the township is undertaking, such as an economic development plan, and said he liked the idea of integrating more residential spaces into Minden's downtown.

"They're doing some stuff in Lindsay to that regard and it would be lovely to see a version of it here in downtown Minden," he said. "You definitely have my attention."

As for a seniors' campus, Devolin said such a large project would certainly require funding from both the provincial and federal levels of government.

"And absolutely who has to be at the table and committed to this is HHHS," he said.

Councillor Pam Sayne also commended the work of the task force.

"This task force is always trying to find a place to meet," Sayne said, adding she thought there was inconsistency in the way various advisory committees are treated, and that the township should be offering the task force a place to meet on a regular basis.

The task force will host a public consultation on housing on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. inside Minden Hills council chambers.



Day of pink

There was plenty of pink at ASES to start off the school day at the breakfast program on Wednesday, April 12. Even the volunteers were supporting International Day of Pink for anti-bullying./ KAREN LONDON Staff

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School students showed support for the Humboldt Broncos community with jerseys and green and gold – including accessories the kids made on April 12, dubbed "Jersey Day"./SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Flooding still possible this spring

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There are more than 25 reservoir and flow-through lakes in the county that are part of the feeder system for the Trent Severn Canal.

With precipitation in the forecast this week, it is likely water levels will rise.

"The seven-day forecast suggests various amounts of precipitation potentially reaching the totals of about 35 mm of rain and snow with air temperatures close to 0° Celsius at night," Feeley wrote. "The current forecast indicates that water levels and outflows will continue to increase at most locations. The current storage in the reservoir lakes is below the average value for this time of the year. Lake levels are monitored daily and assessed in relation to estimated runoff amounts, however they are susceptible to changes in response to the future precipitation amounts."

There is currently space for an average seasonal amount of precipitation.

"In summary, the Haliburton lakes are currently able to adequately accommodate run off from the remaining snowpack and normal average precipitation amounts," Feeley wrote. "However, it is important to understand that significant flood events can still occur depending upon rainfall amounts experienced. In 2017, frequent heavy precipitation events with excessive rainfall amounts occurred throughout late April and early May which led to the significant flooding that was experienced."

Flooding last spring put the Township of Minden Hills into a state of emergency, as the Gull River surged its banks, covering parts of the village. A similar severe flood happened in the spring of 2013, during which the township also declared a state of emergency.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is responsible for issuing flood warnings for Haliburton County, since the area does not have a formal conservation authority.

The MNRF also noted that local reservoir lakes were below average seasonal levels as of last week, that the snowpack was below average for the time of year with below average snow-water equivalent, and that precipitation levels for April were anticipated to be close to normal.

"Extreme rainfall and rapid snowmelt are factors that contribute to flooding," Jolanta Kowalski, senior communications officer for the MNRF wrote in an email to the paper. "The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is constantly monitoring local watershed conditions and weather to assess flood risk."

Parks Canada recently launched a new online resource to allow residents to better track water levels.

The Ontario Waterways Water Management Info Net can be found at www.pc.gc.ca/en/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/info/infonet.

"The InfoNet contains background information on water management practices, water management updates, frequently asked questions about water management, various reports on water management, and the most recent water level of lakes along both the Rideau Canal and the Trent-Severn Waterway," Feeley wrote. "Of specific note is the new water levels tool within the InfoNet which provides lake levels data from the last 30 days and graphic representation of levels for the current year. The information comes from hydrometric gauges located at locations

along both waterways and is reviewed by trained and experienced Parks Canada water management staff."

Residents can also sign up to receive water management updates by email. To do so,

send an email to ont.trentsevern@pc.gc.ca with "water management update" in the subject line.

To view flood information from the MNRF, residents can visit ontario.ca/flooding.



Wintry blast hits Highlands

There was plenty of work for snowplows after snow blanketed Minden and area close to a month after the official start to spring. The snow caused delays over the weekend and cancelled school buses on Monday./DARREN LUM Staff



Winter wasn't done with Minden as a weekend of snow and mixed precipitation provided plenty of work for plow drivers ahead of Monday's commute to work. Much of the downtown in Minden, pictured, was cleared.

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Organizers said they expect several of the shows to sell out quickly. More information can be found at www.theforest-festival.com. You can also buy your tickets on the website.



Musical quintet Sultans of String will be bringing their blend of world music to the stage at this summer's Forest Festival./Photo submitted



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Rethinking housing

IMAGINE A BUSTLING downtown Minden buzzing with activity, residents coming in and out of apartments perched atop the shops of the main drag.

Imagine, down, say, Bobcaygeon Road, a cluster of tiny houses, providing an affordable alternative to traditional homes, and also an environmentally sustainable one for those seeking to reduce their carbon footprint.

These are some of the ideas being proposed by the Minden Hills Housing Task Force, and they are good ideas.

The lack of housing choices and shortage of affordable housing in the community is no secret. However, just how severe the situation is for renters may be surprising to some.

One of the most striking facts in the task force's presentation to Minden Hills council last week was what member Fay Martin called "an abysmal mismatch between our people and our housing."

Much of the rental housing available locally is not what is required. While 76 per cent of rental households consist of one or two people, only six per cent of the rental housing stock includes one-bedroom units. Meanwhile, while just four per cent of rental households in the township are comprised of five or more people, 24 per cent, nearly a full quarter of available rental housing are homes with four or more bedrooms.

As a result, the task force is mostly focused on ways to create more one-bedroom units.

Rentals in the township are also expensive, more expensive than in some of Ontario's larger cities, such as London and Kingston. With affordable defined as the average

market rate, that's \$871 per month for a one-bedroom apartment, \$1,075 per month for a two-bedroom, and \$1,246 for a three-bedroom unit. That's not overly affordable in a community where many jobs are seasonal and low-paying. According to the task force's research, 47 per cent of renters have affordability issues, meaning they spend more than a third of their income keeping a roof above their heads.

When it comes to affordable housing in the county, the status quo is for municipal governments to wait for funding from upper levels of government and then built a multi-unit building. Of course these opportunities don't occur very often, meaning these projects don't happen very often, meaning there is a long list of people waiting for housing they can afford.

It's time for municipal governments to start thinking more creatively about housing solutions, and the task force has offered an idea on the funding front as well; the concept of social bonds. Social bonds would allow community members to invest in housing projects, receiving a return with interest during a given term. In a place with affluent retirees moving to their lakeside residences, retirees who will require a variety of services from a variety of people who will need places to live, it's a model worth investigating.

All of the concepts being put forth by the housing task force warrant discussion, and residents have an opportunity to learn more and provide input during a consultation session the task force will host on May 19, which is the Saturday of the long weekend. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Minden Hills council chambers.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter



The door outside of Minden Florist was decorated for spring, with a hockey stick placed outside in support of the Humboldt Broncos community on April 12./SUE TIFFIN Staff

Strange spring for turkeys

SOMEWHERE beneath all of the snow that lies in the woods around my house, there's probably a field mouse checking her calendar. And, if that little critter is like the rest of us, she's muttering, "What the heck happened to spring?"

Well, the short answer is that spring is tardy – provided you don't mind calling being almost a month late tardy. To most people this is a minor inconvenience. But to the image of the turkey hunter, a late, wet spring has far-reaching and often negative public relations implications – as if talking incessantly about your favourite hen decoy Agnes isn't bad enough.

You see, snow or even a rain-soaked ground means that any turkey hunter who goes out unprepared will probably return from the hunt with a visibly wet butt from sitting in snow or, God-forbid, muddy ground all morning. And let's face it, we're all unprepared.

This is not a problem in itself. The issue occurs if a hunter is unlucky enough to shoot a wild turkey.

The problem is shooting a wild turkey is one of those things that will cause a hunter to do the rounds. That is to say any hunter who has just attached a game seal to a bird cannot help making several stops on the way home. He or she might stop at the local diner or coffee shop to let uninterested friends know that the hunt went well. He might show up at public events or simply walk down main street and relay the news to total strangers.

Typically, the interaction goes something like this.

"Hey everyone, guess who had a very memorable morning?"

And before the turkey hunter even gets an answer, he or she will typically turn to point at the bird in the back of his or her vehicle while everyone's eyes will suddenly be

drawn kicking and screaming towards their visibly wet or, worse still, muddy butt.

Needless to say, this does not do great things for the image of the turkey hunter – especially if the person follows up with, "Everyone says I should keep this to myself but when I drove into town I realized I just couldn't hold it back anymore."

Of course, the hunter's friends will know full well what the hunter is talking about and some of them will actually admire the commitment required to sit for a few hours on the wet or muddy ground in order to bag a turkey. The rest will suddenly have somewhere else to go, just in case it had nothing to do with commitment.

It is the other 50 or so people whose eyes are focused on the disheveled turkey hunter's wet or muddy butt that causes real damage to the turkey hunting image, however – especially if they have cellphones and a sudden urge to go viral.

It just gets worse when they hear the hunter relating the story say things like, "You know I just about crapped myself when that

gobbler came in from behind me and sounded off less than 10 yards away!"

Or, "Oh, did I mention I ran into a bear this morning too?"

This is why I would urge anyone who plans on turkey hunting next week to either take something to sit on or go straight home to change before going out in public.

People already think we are strange enough.

We all know that it's no big deal. A wet or muddy butt is an occupational hazard that comes with turkey hunting during a spring like this one. But I think it is time we learned to leave the snow, soaked ground or mud behind us.

OK, poor choice of words, but you get what I mean.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Tale of two nations

IT WAS A lifetime ago but I still remember my father bending his tall and lanky frame, reaching down to clasp my hand and walking me across the invisible line dividing Canada and the United States. There was no control gate, no border check, no passports. We simply walked into Minnesota and a little store where he bought me ice cream. It was a different time. Smaller governments, fewer regulations, fewer fears. National identities or the lines dividing them didn't matter much to us. Canada was where we lived; the U.S. was our ancestral home.

It was back then that I formed the view that Canada and the United States were little different. The latter was bigger, bolder, more advanced in many ways but we shared much and were much the same.

Last week I saw how different we really are. The Humboldt Broncos hockey bus tragedy brought the differences sharply into focus.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast set hockey sticks on stoops and porches to show their grief for the 16 killed and 13 injured, and for all those suffering from the losses. There was Jersey Day when tens of thousands of Canadians, and others around the world, wore sports jerseys to show their sorrow, their sympathy and their support.

A GoFundMe campaign to help the affected families raised more than \$12 million.

Humboldt showed that despite vast distances, wildly different geography and many conflicting beliefs, Canadians come together when it matters. It also showed that we have not lost all our small-town values.

While Canadians drew together for Humboldt, our American neighbours continued their descent deeper into a miasma of distrust and disunity.

The storms of discord in the U.S. are so fast and furious it is hard to remember on Thursday what happened on Wednesday. Last week alone saw police raids on the president's personal attorney, confusion over Syria policy, presidential pardon of another convicted criminal, announced resignation of House Speaker Paul Ryan and a former FBI director calling the president a mob boss and the president calling him a slime ball.

Once a global beacon of enlightenment and hope, the U.S. is a wounded and confused state stumbling along a crooked path through a cultural, political and moral swamp. It is a nation that has lost its way.

Many blame Humpty Trumpty, the most psychologically unfit person ever elected U.S. president, but he is only a historical footnote. The descent began long before him, back in the 1960s that saw the assassinations of the Kennedys and King, the civil rights wars, Vietnam, the cultural wars between liberals and conservatives and growing class inequalities.

The United States is no longer united. The bipartisanship that saw people work together to build the American dream has evaporated, leaving a void being filled by brainless noise and moral apathy.

Having lost the will to work together Americans never will solve the problems that are destroying their society: gun violence, deep-seated racism, a drug addiction and mental health epidemic and widening chasms of inequality.

Lost also is the will to shoulder the heavy responsibilities of leader of the free world. Considering the state of the nation, that probably is a good thing.

A major difference between Canadians and Americans is how they view compromise. Canadians are seen as a people who try to resolve conflicts through conciliation and compromise. Our willingness to compromise has been criticized as showing ambiguity and weakness – an inability to take a firm stand – but it is a valuable part of our culture.

Americans see compromise as losing. When you compromise, the other side wins and that attitude is particularly evident in U.S. politics.

Without a willingness to compromise the next option is force, which often leads to violence. The world has seen the U.S. in that movie many times.

The past two weeks have allowed us to see the best qualities of Canadians while witnessing the worst of America.

We should not be smug, however. Canadians are different from Americans but they are close neighbours and it is easy to take on their ways, good and bad.

Humboldt showed us who we are and why. We need to remember that.

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letters to the editor

Humboldt

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what would they say?

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Game on.

By Laura Mount

Kettlebells

UNTIL TODAY, what I did know about kettlebells would have barely filled this sentence. I have never used them nor have I coached clients on using them. Still, I get asked about them quite a bit so I felt it was time to educate myself. Now I'm sharing that information with you.

When I looked up the "history of kettlebells" on Google a whole bunch of information came up. To my surprise they have been in use for the purpose of exercise for hundreds of years. There is debate as to how long they've been around, but we'll go with the story that starts with how they were used by Russian farmers as a counter weight for measuring grain. Apparently, the bored farmers discovered the kettlebells could be heaved and thrown to demonstrate feats of strength. To think, long before social media the word spread and a sport was born. I had no idea.

It is the Russian doctor, Vladislav Krayevsky, who is credited with popularizing kettlebell training with the Russian army in the early 19th century. There is other information saying that kettlebells were used in other parts of the world before this time in history. Regardless, I thought they were a somewhat recent fad that the fitness industry created to get us all to spend more money on equipment. I stand corrected.

Today, kettlebells are in many gyms, and many folks have them at home. They are easy to recognize. They look like a flat-bottomed ball with a handle attached to the top. Some are now coated in plastic (look for the pretty

colours) and some are strictly metal. They are available in all kind of sizes.

The kettlebell workout is different than a regular dumbbell workout in that there is swinging motion of the kettlebell. That swinging motion is combined with explosive movements of other parts of the body depending on the specific exercise. Of course, there are

huge benefits to this type of workout. It builds strength, stamina and stability. The other side of the coin is the controversy around the risk of injury that comes when attempting these movements before the body is ready.

The swinging of a weighted object requires the strength to be able to safely stop the movement of that object. This is where problems can arise. My recommendation with

any form of exercise is to start slowly to determine limitations. Improving fitness is about pushing those limits in a controlled manner. In the fitness industry that is known as "progressive overload."

If trying out a kettlebell workout is on your wish list be sure to start with a weight that is way too light for you. Work on the movements. Get those down, and then slowly increase the weight. Always, always, always focus on having good form. That is the best place to start to avoid injury.

There you have it. Now we both know a bunch more about kettlebells.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness: www.the-pointforfitness.com.



LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

Scrap metal initiative raises \$5,000

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross burgesslt@me.com

A lot of the area lakes are still very frozen, some with over a foot of ice. Remember to check out conditions before heading up to your seasonal cottage, especially if it's water access, as it may not be accessible for a while yet.

In 2017 a recycling bin courtesy of All Ontario Recycling in Port Sydney was put out on the side of Highway 117 to collect scrap metal. More than \$5,000 was raised and the money went to the Dorset Community Health Hub. Because of the success with the bin last year, it will be returning this spring! Start saving your scrap metal because the bin will be making an appearance sometime in the beginning of May. Check DorsetCanada.com and the Dorset Facebook page for updates in the coming weeks. There will also be a list posted of what will be accepted and what can't be donated, and it is asked that you please respect that, as it is volunteers who must sort through what's not accepted and dispose of it on their own time. If you have any questions, please send them to dorsetontario@gmail.com.

If you've been to Robinson's General Store lately you've probably noticed some things are a bit different. In late March the store changed from Foodland to Food Town. All of the computers are new and the flyer is different. As far as the food goes, that will remain the same. Robinson's also doesn't accept AirMiles anymore. They still take Aeroplan for purchases made at Home Hardware.

You might have also noticed that Prairie Boy is coming to the waterfront this summer. They are an artisan bread bakery and cafe based in Toronto and are opening an "outpost" this summer in Dorset. If you're looking for work this summer, you might want to consider applying there. They're looking for both customer service crew as well as people with kitchen experience. Barista experience a giant bonus. Prairie Boy will be open on weekends from May 21 until Canada Day, full time all summer until Labour Day, then weekends only until Thanksgiving. Send your resume to prairieboybread@gmail.com.

Happy birthday to Hallie Aubin, Grace McEachern, Jude Love, Ian Girard and Dale Webb. For birthdays and submissions send them to burgesslt@me.com.



Volunteer Week



Volunteer Week is April 15 to 21. The Haliburton Highlands is fortunate to have many hundreds (if not thousands) of volunteers rolling up their sleeves and doing the difficult work of making the community shine.

Hike Haliburton

The county's fall hiking festival, Hike Haliburton, involves more than 100 volunteers who do everything from running the Big Picnic to creating and guiding hikes.

"We pride ourselves on the magnitude of this festival, and it continues to grow as the biggest hiking festival in Canada, but it would not at all be possible without the interest and dedication of our volunteers," says Emily Stonehouse.

"Last year was my first year in the role of volunteer co-ordinator, and organizing almost 100 hikes that appeal to thousands of people from all over the map seems like a daunting task, but the volunteers made it happen. ... They truly make Haliburton a better place for everyone."

Canoe FM

More than 130 volunteers keep Canoe FM on the air throughout the year, hosting programs, fundraising, marketing, working the front office and as members of the board.

"We sometimes forget the scope of what the volunteers provide to our community, but with only 2.5 staff at Canoe FM, volunteers are truly the men and women who

bring community radio into your homes – without the volunteers there wouldn't be a community radio station in our community," says Roxanne Casey, station manager.

"Canoe FM would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers who give of their time to provide community radio to Haliburton County – you're fabulous, we couldn't do it without you," she says.

Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic

The Volunteer Dental Outreach Clinic is able to provide free dental service to adults in need in Haliburton County thanks to dental professionals such as dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, as well as administrators and a board of directors who make it all happen. Aside from doing the dental work, volunteers also do fundraising including running a golf tournament and decorating Smile cookies.

In addition, this year 34 fourth-year students from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry came to the clinic to learn about practicing in a clinic and gave patients excellent care.

Since opening in May of 2011, the clinic has provided \$2,315,969 in free dental care in 6,520 appointments.

"Volunteering their skills has been life changing for the 787 individual patients who have attended the clinic and none of it could take place without their generously giving of their time," board member Lisa Kerr says.

"The message I would like to share with our volunteers came from a grateful patient who sent a testimonial about his VDO experience just last week. He finished his note by saying 'I can never thank them enough, keep up the good work, you are true heroes of the community,'" she says.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments

Bark Lake Cultural Developments has a

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Rebecca Krawczyk, a professional ecologist, led the Bedrock Botanicals hike at the Frost Centre as part of Hike Haliburton last year. /File photo by Jenn Watt

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Haliburton Curling Club

Many of the events that happen throughout the year at the Haliburton Curling Club are made possible because of volunteers. With more than 250 members from ages eight to 88, Wanda Stephen says at some point each of them contributes to further the success of the club and its events.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show is run by the curling club and “takes no less than 140 volunteers,” she says.

Volunteers fill a range of roles including on the board of directors, as part of the “Ice Team” helping the ice technician, running the bar, coaching youth curling and Learn to Curl, draw masters running leagues and bonspiel convenors.

“And yet there are still a million jobs that seem to crop up all year, and it’s so wonderful to belong to a club where you never have to worry that someone will not step up and take on that task,” Stephen says.

“The executive team at the Haliburton Curling Club would love to express their immense thanks to all of our members who work so hard to make the club their own and in the thick of that, make it such a huge success. We are eternally grateful to have attracted such a passionate group of people under our roof.”

Community Living Trent Highlands

Community Living Trent Highlands has six volunteers in Haliburton, six in City of Kawartha Lakes and nine in Peterborough.

They help with one-on-one activities, transportation, life skills training, office assistance, community programs, horseback riding, fishing, teaching sign and braille and the Blue Box program at Trent University.

Individuals are better able to reach their goals with the help of volunteers, says Sharon Coupland, manager of human resources. She says it “gives people a better sense of independence and accomplishment when new skills are learned and used.”

Lisa Corp, outcomes facilitator, says the volunteers bring new ideas and energy to the organization.

“Volunteers are a valued member of the Community Living team and there are many aspects of the work we do and the lives of people supported that are enhanced and touched by our volunteers,” says Coupland.

“You may consider your acts of kindness as small, but know the impact they have and will have are huge,” says Corp.



Left, Heather Reid, Irene Heaven, Bonnie Roe and Jeanette Angus help make hot sauce for the Heat Bank using the Abbey Gardens kitchen. / Photo courtesy of Tina Jackson

County of Haliburton

The County of Haliburton has hundreds of volunteers. The roads department has about 125 volunteers who clean up garbage from roadsides through Adopt-a-Road; the tourism department receives help from about 100 volunteers with Hike Haliburton (see page 8); there are volunteers with the rural transportation task force and various committees.

“These volunteers bring energy, expertise, and insight into the needs of our community. Their involvement makes us more effective in developing services that meet the needs of the people we serve,” says CAO Mike Rutter.

“I often say the best ideas don’t come from our municipal offices or the county building, but from ‘Main Street.’ Quite frankly, we could not function without them. Some programs like Adopt-a-Road and Hike Haliburton would not exist without them, nor would our programs be as effective. In all cases, they challenge us to be better at what we do, and that is a good thing for everyone.”

Abbey Gardens

You can find volunteers everywhere you look at Abbey Gardens, whether it’s in the Food Hub, working the gardens, tending to the ponies, at children’s programs or at the organization’s events and festivals.

About 40 volunteers help get things done at Abbey

Gardens, says Cara Steele.

“Volunteers contribute to every part of our organization and have allowed us to grow exponentially. They provide a link to our community that is so important to the work we do,” she says.

“Time is precious and choosing to spend your time with us is something we don’t take for granted. We love the enthusiasm and knowledge that our volunteers bring to Abbey Gardens.”

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Friends of Haliburton County Public Library hosted their book sale on the front lawn of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Minden branch of the library last year. Volunteers at FOL ensure dollars continue coming in to help fund enhancements at the library. /File photo by Jenn Watt from page 9

Heat Bank Haliburton County

At the Haliburton County Heat Bank, a core group of about 10 volunteers help by delivering wood, picking up donations, co-ordinating the wood depots and helping with fundraisers. About 60 supporters come out once or twice a year for splitting

and stacking wood and in making hot sauce, which they sell. The Heat Bank's co-ordinator Tina Jackson says the volunteers allow the organization to supply those in need with funds for fuel and electricity and with wood to burn. "Our volunteers literally are sometimes the only thing standing between a household in crisis and -30 degree cold weather," she

says. "Our message is: You are the Heat Heroes of our organization and our community. The tireless work and efforts that you put into helping Heat Bank means everything to us and even more to the people that turn to us. Thanks for standing together with us – we can't thank you enough!"

Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society

The Children's Aid Society has about 65 volunteers who work as mentors and as drivers. Drivers take clients to appointments and to family visiting, which is particularly important for those in rural areas. Mentors are matched with children, youth or families to spend time weekly or biweekly. "The time that volunteer mentors share with the child/youth or family offers that connection to someone just for them, to spend special time in a supportive, non-judgmental way and being a positive role model," says Jennifer Wilson, executive director. "KHCAS volunteers are truly amazing! The service that our volunteers provide, with such dedication and commitment, assists us in working for safe kids and strong families in our community," says Tania Nanni, volunteer co-ordinator. "The motivation to volunteer comes from within. Volunteers surround children with caring, compassion and support. They epitomize the true sense of community," says Wilson.

Friends of the Library

Volunteers support the Haliburton County Public Library through the Friends of the Library organization. About 60 volunteers

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teers helped raise money to improve the eight branches included in the system. Membership of FOL is at 140.

The volunteers run the annual gala, run monthly meetings, create book baskets to sell, organize book sales, sort donated books and decorate libraries for special occasions, among other things.

Lunch and Learn speakers and the gala author also volunteer their time.

"From the perspective of HCPL, the library receives many enhancements through the volunteer efforts of the Friends of HCPL. These include special book collections such as the Evergreen titles and large print, Early Literacy Computers for children, and additional equipment and supplies for our digital literacy programming and our Community of Making efforts," says Elly Malcomson of FOL.

"Volunteers are worth their weight in gold. They share their time and talents without any compensation. They can choose to stay or walk away at any time. They are critical to the success of any organization."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services

There are more volunteers at Haliburton Highlands Health Services than there are staff, approximately 350 of them. They help with Meals on Wheels, friendly visiting, Diners' Club, social recreation activities, transportation to medical appointments.

They are at the long-term care facilities, making residents' lives better and fundraising through the auxiliaries and the HHHS Foundation.

"The work that volunteers do in community programs assists members in our community to remain independent and engaged in their community. Some of these programs are entirely volunteer based and wouldn't exist without our volunteers," says Brigitte Gebauer, co-ordinator of volunteer services.

At the long-term care home, volunteers put "smiles on the residents' faces" as they assist with music, special events and other programming.

"Volunteers are an integral part of our organization. The impact of the endless hours we receive from our volunteer coworkers is immeasurable both to the organization as a whole but primarily to the people we serve. We want to offer our heartfelt thank you to all the HHHS volunteers for what they do to support our organization, health care in the Haliburton Highlands and the community we serve," she says.

Central Food Network

John Teljeur estimates more than 100 volunteers help to provide the programs run by the Central Food Network, which includes the Heat Bank, the Highlands East Food Hub, Cardiff Food Bank, Community Cooks and Community Garden Network.

"The tasks are as diverse as the programs we offer. These include but are not limited

to cutting, splitting, stacking and delivering wood on behalf of heat insecure clients; sorting, stocking and providing food to those needing assistance. They are also active in growing food for others, organizing food drives or preparing hot meals for others," Teljeur says.

Without the volunteers pitching in, CFN would just be "an organization that has a good idea," he says.

"Our volunteers' contribution makes a positive and daily impact on the lives of so many that have so little in our community. Not only do they provide the essentials to those in need, they are the ambassadors of hope, opportunity and change. That load of

wood or box of food that is provided allows that senior or family a chance to return to a sense of normalcy and a reprieve from the pressures of poverty many of us have never experienced. Together, we are making a difference."



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Volunteer Week



Fair an introduction to volunteer opportunities, new technology

by JENN WATT
Editor

Those looking to broaden their horizons and try something new need to mark Friday, May 4 on their calendar for Volunteer Recruitment and Try It Again Fair – previously two events, which have come together this year.

From 3:30 to 7 p.m., participants are invited to come to the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Athletic Complex to try new activities and meet with local organizations seeking volunteers.

“It is an awesome opportunity for those who have thought about volunteering but don’t know where to start or if someone is new to the Highlands and wants to get involved in the community,” said Brigitte Gebauer, co-ordinator of volunteer services at Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

A long list of community organizations have already signed up for booths at the fair, including Abbey Gardens, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Rails End Gallery, Canoe FM, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association, and the municipalities of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart and Minden Hills among others.

“Because we are partnered with the Try It Fair this year, it becomes far more than a volunteer fair,” said Gebauer. “You can explore all sorts of interesting businesses, or-

ganizations and entrepreneurs who are offering experiential displays where you can try things out, see interesting demonstrations on how things are made. The Try It Fair is part of the larger maker movement that has swept the globe in the last decade and serves to introduce folks to equipment and services offered by the Community of Making.”

The fair will also include the Lions Club offering vision and hearing screening as well as diabetes awareness and a by-donation café.

Benefits of volunteering include meeting new people, developing skills, building a resume and providing an introduction to possible career directions.

“Volunteering gives you a chance to learn more about a career area before you make a commitment,” Gebauer said.

“Volunteering can provide you with skills, experience, contacts and opportunities. It can also provide an enormous amount of satisfaction and accomplishment and a lot of fun! You’ve got nothing to lose and everything to gain!”

Gebauer also pointed out that volunteering can boost mood and self-esteem and that for those who are older adults, it helps them remain active and connected to the community.

“Studies have found that older adults who volunteer have reduced stress-related illnesses and higher self-esteem and are less likely to feel isolated,” she said.



With Laura Trach of Orange Cat Studio looking on, student Rachael Reddering tries her hand at hemming at the last Try It Fair. The next fair is May 4 at the high school. /File photo by Darren Lum

“Volunteering can also have a positive impact on lifestyle transitions in older adults as they retire, downsize their housing or deal with health issues.”

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FRIDAY, MAY 4th 3:30pm - 7pm

New service delivers mental health help to your door (for free)

by JENN WATT
Editor

For those struggling with low mood, anxiety or depression, a new provincial initiative is offering workbooks, coaching and videos at no cost to the consumer.

BounceBack provides workbooks delivered in the mail, telephone coaching sessions and online videos to those seeking help for mental health issues.

"The fact that it's OHIP covered, that's a big swing in government policy," said Jack Veitch, health promoter and educator with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Branch.

The program is well suited to the Haliburton region, where people often live in isolated areas and transportation is difficult to arrange and costly.

BounceBack is free for anyone with a health card and requires a referral from a doctor (although it can be through a doctor at a walk-in clinic or other venue).

"This is a course that's fantastic for people who have been experiencing low mood, depression or anxiety. It's a correspondence style course, which means materials get mailed right to your door and it's based on the model of cognitive behavioural therapy," Veitch said in an interview with the paper.

"This will be primarily for those that are trying to access psychotherapy that traditionally have not been able to ... perhaps

because they're living in a remote community or they don't have the transportation or the cost, being a free program that's a real bonus," he said.

BounceBack is for anyone 15 or older, but is not for everyone, which is why talking to a doctor is the best way to sign up.

Participants can go at their own pace with the workbooks. BounceBack includes three to six telephone coaching sessions and you can leave the program at any time.

Some topics covered include assertiveness, changing unhelpful or extreme thinking and overcoming sleep problems.

Veitch has worked for CMHA for the last 11 years and said he's noticed a big shift in how people view mental health issues.

He said society has become more open in talking about mental health and the stigma is lessening, though there is still a long way to go.

Last week, he was the featured speaker at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce breakfast where he spoke about the role one's beliefs have on behaviour and mood.

Veitch is available to talk to businesses or other groups about promoting good mental health. You can contact him at 705-748-6687 ext. 1015 or jveitch@cmhahkpr.ca.

To find out more about BounceBack, go to www.bouncebackontario.ca. You can find a referral form on the website along with more detail on the program.



25th Terry Fox Run this fall

It is fitting that the Minden Terry Fox Run Committee (pictured above) announces on April 12, the day the Marathon of Hope started 38 years ago, that the final total for the 2017 run has been released. Our town raised \$18,154 last September. This brings the 24 year total for our community to an amazing \$280,068. The 2018 run will be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 and we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of this community's run. Watch for the possibility of a special event later in the summer. /Submitted by Diane Peacock



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Checkmate

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 student Dominic Harding moves his bishop during the Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship on Friday, April 13 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. Players were vying for a chance to advance to the Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on April 22 at the Mississauga Convention Centre. /DARREN LUM Staff

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Chess Championship local finishers will advance to the Canadian Chess Challenge Ontario Championships on April 22 at The Mississauga Convention Centre.

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ASES Grade 3 chess player Taya Tomlinson, examines the board, working on her next move.





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Drainage study suggests improvements to ease flooding

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The implementation of a fill bylaw and a potential berm are among the suggestions to mitigate flooding in Minden Hills contained in a draft drainage study that was reviewed by councillors during a meeting last week.

Representatives from engineering firm C.C. Tatham and Associates visited councillors during their April 12 committee-of-the-whole meeting to go over the draft study. Minden Hills hired the firm to complete the study using funding it received from the federal government's National Disaster Mitigation Fund.

The study looked at four main areas: the stretch of the Gull River from Peck Street to Spring Valley Road; Moore Lake Estates; Prince Street; and Beaver Creek at Bobcaygeon Road.

"We looked at a range of alternatives for high Gull River water levels and because of the nature of the system, and the fact that it is owned by Parks Canada, the township obviously has a lot less latitude in terms of how it can deal with those issues," said senior engineer Amanda Kellett, who conducted most of the work in the program.

The Gull River is part of the feeder system for the Trent Severn Canal, and water from more than 25 reservoir and flow-through lakes in Haliburton County passes through the corridor of the Gull River through Minden, and into Gull Lake.

One of the firm's recommendations is that the township request that Parks Canada and/or the MNR conduct a study for the area to address high-level changes that might be made, such as a flood control berm along the river's east bank.

Another is that the township create a fill bylaw, controlling where fill can be placed within Minden's floodplain. A third is that the township consider revising its building permit process to include an engineering review – flood screening, essentially.

At Moore Lake Estates, recommendations include the creation of an additional drainage outlet near the boat launch on Moore Lake Estates Road, which will direct flow away from private property and to a drainage outlet located

on a municipal right of way.

"The nature of the flooding is more minor in these areas and it tends to relate just to the fact that their ditch systems and culverts are flat and lack capacity, and the adjacent, low-lying properties that can be impacted," Kellett said.

Cleaning out and regrading the ditches in the Moore Lake Estates area is also recommended.

Recommendations for Prince Street also included the regrading and cleaning of ditches. Since extreme flooding at Prince Street occurs when the Gull River surges its banks, the report noted that the recommendations for river corridor would also mitigate flooding there.

At Beaver Creek, a low-lying residential property floods when levels are high. Beaver Creek runs from Highway 118 to the Gull River. As Kellett explained, the residence is located lower than the culvert crossing and roadway.

"When flow has to spill over the road, it preferentially floods onto that property," Kellett said. The recommendation there is that a berm be constructed, potentially at the property owner's expense.

There are many more areas of the township that flood, but the parameters of this particular study included the four aforementioned areas. Mayor Brent Devolin said it was a first step, and said the Burnt River watershed, Irondale and its surrounding area wouldn't be forgotten.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon wondered about the recommendations for increased ditch capacity.

"In our residential areas, there's already concern about how deep they are, relative to our aging population, children, pets, etc.," Anthon said. "Is that really a good solution for us?"

"That's a fair point," said Kellett. "For the most part, what we had considered would strictly be just cleaning out ditches where sediment has accumulated, so not necessarily creating a deeper section, but just to restore what was intended to be there."

The draft drainage study can be viewed on the April 12 Minden Hills meeting agenda on the Haliburton County website. Devolin said council was looking for feedback from residents on the draft. It will then be finalized by the engineering firm and brought back to council.

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We looked at a range of alternatives for high Gull River water levels.

— AMANDA KELLETT

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Settlement reached on spreading field

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It seems the issue of a sewage spreading field near Maple Lake in Algonquin Highlands has reached a final conclusion.

As reported previously in the *Times*, last fall, the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change denied an application for the expansion of the spreading field operated by Haliburton Septic Pumping, and also approval for the continued operation of the site, located about a kilometre from Maple Lake.

The company appealed that decision to the Environmental Review Tribunal, and through a mediation process, the involved parties came to an agreement last month. The site will operate for two more seasons, and then be closed.

"The company's owner, the municipality and the ministry reached a mediated settlement in March," David Bradley, manager of the Peterborough district of the MOECC, wrote in an email to the paper. "Under the terms of the settlement, the disposal site would be extended for two years, to the end of the 2019 spreading season. The site would not be used after 2019."

Algonquin Highlands issued a release saying council ac-

cepted the terms of the settlement.

"The township obtained party status to the proceedings and participated in the required mediation prior to the formal hearing," reads the release. "From the beginning the ERT made it very clear that planning matters were not to be considered in this appeal so there was very little opportunity for the township to contribute."

While the use of the property for the purpose of spreading is not permitted under the township's zoning bylaw, the municipality's bylaw was ultimately trumped by the provincial approval for the operation of the site.

"Settlement discussions continued following mediation involving surface water scientists and hydrogeologists and once a tentative settlement was reached, MOECC held a special meeting with the participants (representatives of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association and a local group of concerned and impacted residents called Our Grandchildren Matter Too) to explain the proposed settlement," the release reads.

"Although the township was ultimately unable to play an active role in the process, council has accepted that the settlement agreement with increased, more stringent conditions and a definitive end to the site's use is the best solution for the Township of Algonquin Highlands, its ratepayers and the property owner," the release continues.

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Minden rink competes with province's best

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

There's more to sport than winning it all for local young Minden curlers, representing Archie Stouffer Elementary School and the Minden Curling Club, who finished 18th out of 72 teams at the Pinty's Provincial Elementary School Curling Championships held April 5 to 8 in Carleton Place.

The team responded well to the pressure and was not only supported by the local club, but got their start there too.

Winners of the I division championship, the young Minden rink of skip Kaelem Little in Grade 6; vice and Grade 7 student Kayla Switzer; second and Grade 8 student Cole Boisvert; and lead and Grade 7 student Broden Boisvert have reason to be proud of their achievement.

The championships included elementary school aged students (up to Grade 8) from all over Ontario.

Coach Derek Little said this event was a great experience and helped motivate the team for next year.

After the second game, Little remembers how Broden, who had expressed a desire to possibly leave curling, declared how much fun he had and said he wants to return next year to compete.

"They're all looking forward to next year already," Little said, referencing Pinty's next host Ganonoque.

It was a slow start for the Minden rink.

After losing two out of three games, the team strung together three wins in a row, including a 6-5 win to secure the I division championship. It was a strong bounce-back

after a slow start.

The team finished the tournament with an overall record of 4-2.

This rink only formed this year and practised together four times, making their achievement all the more impressive and inspiring.

For Broden and Cole, this was just their second year of curling. In contrast Kayla and Kaelem, step-siblings, have been curling for twice as long and have grown to love the sport, which complements their quiet demeanour and from watching their older sibling curl competitively.

All of them started at the Minden Curling Club and have been curling after school every Thursday for close to two hours.

Little, a longtime high school teacher, believes the solid performance of these young curlers could be the start of greater things to come. He referenced the recent success of the young Haliburton curlers who represented the Jaguars of J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and the Haliburton Curling Club.

"That's how you build a team, a program, anything so in Minden we have a ton of kids right now, but it's all volunteers too. Let's not kid ourselves. It's the only way these programs can run. It's all through volunteers. No one gets paid," he said. The Jaguars team finished first, second, fourth and sixth.

Little, who is nearing 50 and recognizes he is among the younger volunteers at the club in Minden, is concerned about the future of curling in Minden. More coaches are needed. He invites community volunteers to help the club's young curlers.

Besides the strong results at competi-

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Archie Stouffer Elementary School's curling team from left, Broden Boisvert, Cole Boisvert, and Kayla Switzer and Kaelem Little finished in the top 18 at the Provincial Elementary School Curling Championships from April 5 to 8 in Carleton Place. This team, which is based out of the Minden Curling Club, came together just this year. This championships included elementary school aged students from all over Ontario. Submitted by Mike Boisvert.

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Competition fuels young curlers

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tion, Little said, he was impressed by how a competition like this can keep young curlers interested. The format of the event worked under the premise of win and stay in the A division while subsequent losses will move teams down to lower streams or divisions such as B and C, etc. A team would be out of any championship contention after four losses.

Little appreciates this format for up and coming curlers.

“It’s a really cool concept to try and make it fair for kids who are there who probably haven’t played a great deal. If you lose your first two games your third game is going to be against somebody else who lost their first two games so they’re really trying to break this up for people of all abilities.”

The event disallowed coaches from speaking with players during play so it leaves everything up to the curlers. This provides a chance for development, as curlers must call their game the way they see it.

Little knows this foursome has not been as engaged this past year and could see how much of a difference it made for them to play curlers of their own calibre.

“Not taking anything away from Thursday night [at the Minden Curling Club]. It’s awesome to introduce kids to curling. The downside has been for the

older kids, these four in particular, there really aren’t a lot of other kids their age. It’s Grade 3, Grade 4 or Grade 5. They are the predominant age group,” he said.

He acknowledges the benefits of their mentoring and the value it has for everyone at the club. However, what often happens is the foursome breaks up and skips teams of younger curlers, who are often still working on the basics of throwing and sweeping, it is difficult for them to remain engaged.

Little is hoping to organize a way to bring the three remaining of this elementary school foursome (Cole will be in Grade 9) to go to the Haliburton Curling Club and play more than just once a week. The added ice time with other intermediate curlers can only help.

Sport brings value to the development of children, Little said. When children like these curlers compete in sport there is a benefit that goes beyond on-ice results.

“Curling has pressure whether it’s calling the team on to sweep, whether it’s actually sweeping it. There’s a lot of pressure every time the rock comes down the ice in terms of calling it. So, why not be able to associate the pressure in sport to being able to handle pressures in life,” he said.

He said it helps them to learn how to handle the pressure of competition and, ultimately, handle loss for life.



ASES semi-finalist in tournament

Archie Stouffer Elementary School senior girls player Ava Smith, left, leads a fast break with teammate Emma Tidey following up on the play during the Senior Girls Basketball Tournament on Thursday, April 12 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The ASES Wildcats finished as a semi-finalist despite a strong effort to make the playoffs, which included a win over JDHES. ASES lost in overtime 18-16 to Jack Callaghan Public School, the eventual second place finishers. The round-robin tournament was won by Leslie Frost Public School and included seven other schools including Woodville, Ridgewood, Lady Mackenzie and Fenelon Township Public School./DARREN LUM Staff

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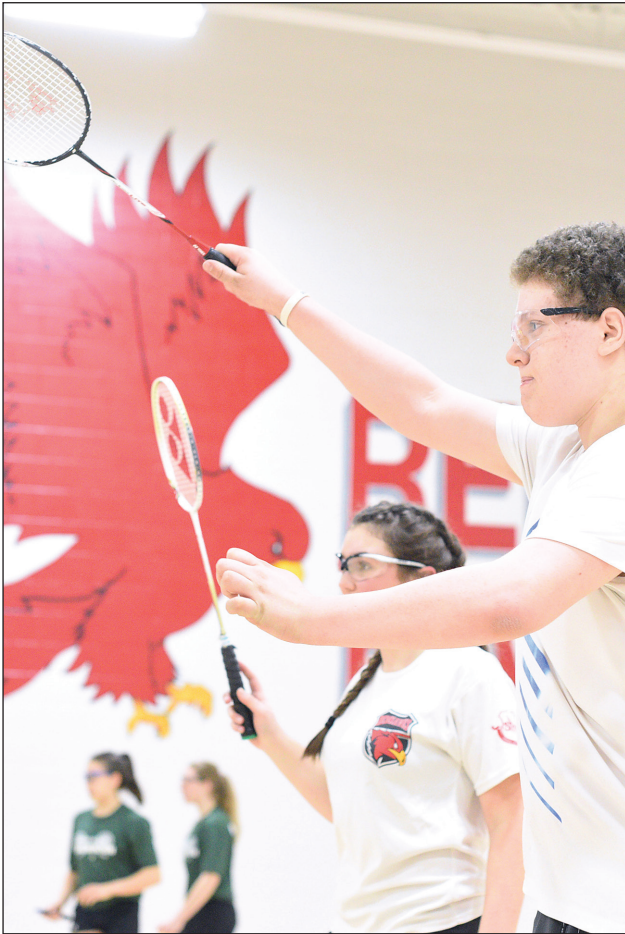
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Our junior badminton team hosted the Kawartha qualifying tournament here at HHSS. Our team played well under pressure during the tournament and had solid results.

Our team was able to qualify seven out of 13 players for the Kawartha championships next week at Campbellford.

Submitted by Judi Paul



Red Hawks junior mixed doubles players Megan Klose and Tyler Martin play a match at the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.



Red Hawks junior boys doubles players Alex Little, left, and Tyson Clements play a doubles Norwood Knights team during the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School./DARREN LUM Staff



Red Hawks junior girls doubles players Emma Casey, far left, and Grace Kim, far right, listen to their coach Jason Morissette during a break in their match at the Kawartha qualifying tournament on Thursday, April 12 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

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Who: Jennifer Semach
Topic: Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Academy
Cost: FREE

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Maplefest All You Can Eat Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale

When: Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Lochlin United Church 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road
Adults-\$8, Children - \$4, Preschool – free. Real Haliburton maple syrup of course!

Maple Lake United Church home baked Ham Dinner

When: Saturday, April 21, One sitting only at 5 p.m.
Where: Maple Lake United Church (corner of Hwy. 118 and Airport Road)
Cost is \$18.00 and \$8.00 for children under 12. Please reserve by calling Merrie Barry – 705-754-2258 or Beverly Upton – 705-286-2130. Reservations are recommended. Gift certificates and take-outs are also available.

Country Hot Flashes

When: Saturday, April 21, 4 to 7 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion Branch 129, Clubroom
Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members
50/50 draw at 6 p.m.
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Haliburton: Food Handler Course

When: Tuesday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton County Historical Society

When: Thursday April 26, 1:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Museum
Speaker: Elva Bates on her father Mr. Fox
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Kinmount Dinner Auction to benefit village

Since 1995 the annual Dinner Auction has been held to raise funds for enhancement projects within the village of Kinmount in addition to the many capital projects that have been undertaken.

Some of these major projects include the restoration of the Austin Sawmill and the creation of Heritage Park in addition to major upgrades to the century old community hall.

These current upgrades to the hall include the installation of accessible washrooms and the complete redecoration of the hall itself.

The Committee for Planning works tirelessly to fulfill its primary mandate which is to preserve local heritage while boosting the local economy through tourism and job creation.

The most current example of this is the recent creation of a heritage meeting room within the historic CN railway station. Funds raised at the event this year, will be directed towards the renewal of the exterior of the Railway Station.

These capital projects are costly and the committee relies not only on local business, service clubs, and individuals within the community to support these initiatives, but

appeals are made right across the province to major hotel chains, theatres and Ontario attractions to provide gift certificates, tickets and admission passes for auction items.

Some of the many major items that have been received to date include a voucher from VIA Rail to be used to offset the cost of a trip anywhere VIA travels, ticket vouchers for the Shaw and Stratford Festival theatres and overnight accommodation certificates in major venues across the province.

There is no doubt this event is one of the most exciting events of the year.

Patrons enjoy an evening of good food catered by the Galway Hall Committee and opportunities to bid on unique silent auction items. They are also invited to take chances on raffle ticket items as the evening comes to a close with the live auction. Bids are taken by auctioneer Patrick O'Reilly on such major live auction items as firewood, tandem loads of gravel and getaway trips to destinations around the province. Tickets, which sell out quickly, are \$25 and can be purchased by calling 705-488-2635 or 705-488-2687.

-Submitted



Spring tobogganing

A young Minden resident flies off a jump, carrying snow with him during a rare tobogganing run close to a month after the official start of spring. Winter weather has left its mark all along the eastern seaboard of North America with below zero temperatures, freezing rain and snow storms. The Highlands weren't any different with a snowstorm that kept road crews busy and children happy (there was a snow day on Monday). /DARREN LUM Staff



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Highlands Summer Festival, a not-for-profit charitable theatre company, will be held

**MONDAY APRIL 23, 1 p.m. at
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- Financial Report
- Report From the President
- Update on the 2018 season
- Election of Members of the Board of Directors

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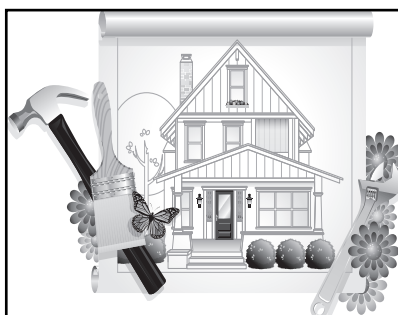
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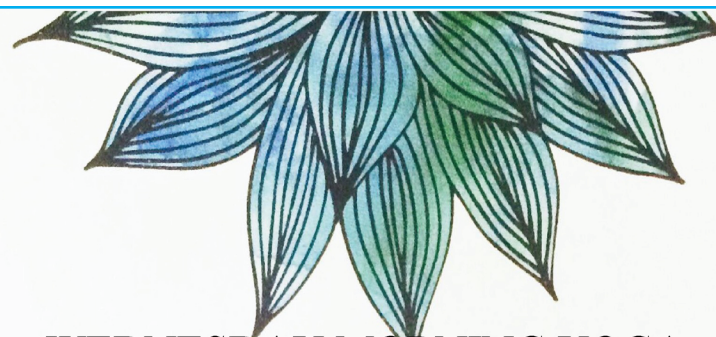
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Our sincere appreciation to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their professional arrangements and to Kirsten for her words of comfort during the service. To the Lions Club for the wonderful luncheon they provided after the service, we extend our gratitude.

Lastly, we wish to express our deep appreciation to all those near and far for their expressions of sympathy with flowers, cards, food and the many donations in honour of Ruth. Your many acts of kindness and support continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, April 19, 2018 from 12:00 o'clock noon until 3:00 pm. Then to the Royal Canadian Legion Br.# 636, Minden to Celebrate Jay's Life and "Smiles are Mandatory". Cremation has taken place.

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LOOK Inside



Ladybug relief!

Kym Gordon says she's found a solution to her plague of ladybugs
See page 12



Mother trucker

With eight kids to care for, Jo-Anne Howard-Carter takes to the road
See Second Front

Quote of the week

"We are justifiably upset. We have been taken over forcefully."
Vernon LeCraw, page 3



Allison Taylor/TIMES

Spring colours

All hats bright and beautiful were welcome at Zion United Church's spring tea last week. As dozens of well-dressed patrons such as Olive Daniels and Bette Mavor nibbled on delicious treats, they were entertained by the Gentlemen of Song. For details of this annual fundraising event, see page 9.

Minden Food Bank needs help to keep the shelves stocked

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

It isn't at the brink of closing its doors, but the Minden Food Bank is struggling to keep tummies from rumbling this summer.

"Donations are down a bit but we are holding our own," says Barbara Walford-Davis, president of the Food Bank.

After a long, cold winter and a successful Christmas Baskets

program, the food bank is falling on hard times this spring. They are trying desperately to keep the shelves stocked. With shortages in donations of both food and money, the bank has had to cut back on some of the items they usually keep stocked on their shelves. Items such as soap, shampoo and feminine products will not have as big a priority as food, unless the donation levels increase a little.

The shelves aren't empty but

they are looking a little sparse. Empty boxes and open spaces are evident at first sight.

"Once Christmas was over there was a drop in the amount that people give," she says.

It isn't the end of the road, but the needs of the Food Bank are considerable, she says.

Located on Main Street in Minden near Sunny Variety, where the IGA was once located, the food bank moved last year

see FOOD page 2

Shake, rattle and roll

Highlanders feel the earth move during Saturday's earthquake

by MARTHA PERKINS
Special to The Times

In that fuzzy time between sleeping and waking, it takes the brain a few seconds to realize why the entire world is shaking. "I thought my son Ken was upstairs jumping up and down," Bill Beers says of his rather peculiar experience on Saturday morning. "I thought 'what the...?'"

At the Hunter Creek Estates a few kilometres south of Beers' home on Newcastle Street in Minden, Alf and Moe Briscoe also looked at each other with bewilderment. They were just about to get out of bed at ten to seven when the bed started to shake and their bedroom's sliding glass doors began to rattle.

"Both of us just said 'What was that?'" Alf says.

Turning on their television, they soon found the answer. Commentators were reporting that an earthquake with a reading of 5.5 on the Richter Scale had just reverberated for a good 10 seconds throughout the north-eastern United States and eastern Canada - felt as a gentle rumble all the way to the Highlands. The earthquake's epi-centre was near Lake Champlain in New York.

It soon became the talk of the town on Saturday morning as conversations began with the words "Did you feel it?" Of course, there was also a whole lot of snickering going around

see WAS THAT page 10

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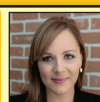
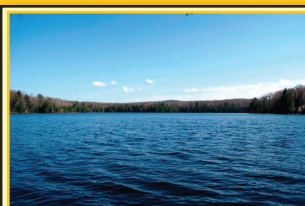


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Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, April 9

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Chris Cote – 199

Men – Claude Cote – 206

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Chris Cote – 213

High Triple – Chris Cote – 563

High Single Hcp – Karen Baird – 255

High Triple Hcp – Karen Baird – 700

This Weeks Highs – Men

High Single – Dale Freitag – 236

High Triple – Dave Stokes – 617

High Single Hcp – Dale Freitag – 283

High Triple Hcp – Dale Freitag – 740

Fast Lane Bowling Scores for Friday, April 13

Ladies/Men

High Average

Ren Higgins,

Clara Vuksic 170

Rick West 214

High Single

Dianne Cullen 204

Rick West 247

High Triple

Dianne Cullen 532

Rick West 704

High Single hcp

Pat Hunt 261

Rick West 256

High Triple hcp

Pat Hunt 713

Rick West 731

Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Kim Buie 208,

Skylar Pratt 195,

Jason Hollowell 189,

Casey Heley 161,

Alyssa Whitaker 146,

Sarah Hudson 146



Baseball registration begins

Registration on April 11 was busy for the Minden Minor Baseball League at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The not-for-profit league is being organized by Minden residents Craig and Tammy Smith, who have been organizing the adult lob ball league in Minden for years. The next night to sign up in person is April 25 upstairs at the S.G. Nesbitt. The league begins May 28 and goes until Aug. 13. It is held Monday evenings from 6:15 until 7:30 for children three to 12 and 7:45 p.m. until 9:15 p.m. for youth 13 to 17 at the Minden ball fields. Cost is \$40 and is open to children three years old (as of June 1) up to 17. Any questions contact smithtoc@yahoo.ca or see the Facebook page for Minden Minor Baseball League.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Sr Hawks send seven to Kawartha

The senior Red Hawks badminton team travelled to Peterborough for their second tournament of the season on Thursday, April 12. The team competed well and had a lot of fun. Qualifying for the Kawartha tournament on Tuesday, April 17 in Haliburton were:

Natalya Gimon, 4th ladies' singles; Dakota MacDonald and Denver Allore, 4th mixed doubles; Emily Klose and Zac Shantz, 3rd mixed doubles; Ben Schmidt and Owen Patterson-Smith, 1st men's doubles.

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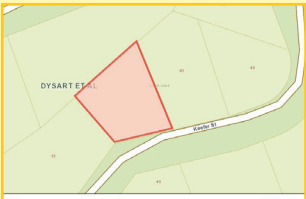


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